

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry propaganda billed as "news" days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of the FCC equivocating on broadcast rules.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions, and the FCC's acquiescence show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve continuing oversight and more than a returned postcard. Thank you.